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House File 319

February 20, 1947.
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By PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE.

A BILL FOR

An Act to amend section four hundred eighty-nine point fourteen (489.14), Code 1946 relating to a franchise to construct, operate and maintain a transmission line for the transmission, distribution, use and sale of electric current.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

- 1 Section 1. Section four hundred eighty-nine point
- 2 fourteen (489.14), Code 1946 is hereby amended by striking
- 3 the word "one" in line seven (7), and by inserting in lieu
- 4 thereof the word "two", and by striking the words "one acre"
- 5 in line nine (9) and inserting in lieu thereof the words
- 6 "five acres".

EXPLANATION OF H. F. 319

The reason for this bill is to provide for a right of way on private land not exceeding 200 feet in width so that in wooded areas adequate clearance between a high voltage transmission line and trees can be obtained. The Code now provides for a right of way on private land not exceeding 100 feet in width.

The design of a high voltage transmission line requires a wide separation between the wires which are supported on long crossarms and the safe operation of the line requires a wide separation between the wires and trees. The present provision for a right of way is not of sufficient width to provide for the required clearance between the transmission line and trees, which must be cut down so the trees cannot be blown or fall into the transmission lines.